

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-059-C - ORDER NO. 96-168 ✓  
MARCH 8, 1996

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| IN RE: | Application of Northwest Communications, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of Intrastate Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina. | ) ORDER<br>) DENYING<br>) MOTION FOR A<br>) PROTECTIVE<br>) ORDER OF<br>) FINANCIAL<br>) STATEMENTS |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the Motion requesting a Protective Order of the financial statements filed by Northwest Communications, Inc. ("Northwest" or "the Company"). The motion made by the Company requests confidential and proprietary treatment of the Company's financial statements due to the commercially sensitive and proprietary nature of the statements. Northwest further requests in its Motion that the financial exhibits not be disclosed to anyone other than Commissioners or Staff involved in processing Northwest's Petition.

The Commission has considered this matter and holds that the Motion for Protective Order of Financial Statements must be denied. Traditionally, materials filed with Applications at the Commission have been public information unless the Company states a good and compelling reason for this Commission to hold otherwise. The Commission believes, and so finds, that the Company has stated

insufficient reasons for confidential treatment of its financial information. The Commission therefore denies the Motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for a Protective Order of the Financial Statements of Northwest Communications, Inc., is denied.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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